REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims are 27-52, with claims 27-36, 42-48, 51 and 52 being withdrawn from considrdation.

The above amendment is responsive to points set forth in the Official Action.

Independent claims 37 and 49 have been amended to recite that "the fabric structure is formed by lapping said wire or wires one on another such that a warp direction of the fabric structure is arranged in a same direction as a winding length direction of the belt". This amendment is fully supported at page 13, lines 13-15 of the specification. This feature is employed in the first and third embodiments, e.g. see Figs. 1(A), (B) and (C).

The significance of this feature will be discussed below.

Claims 37-41 (49 and 50?) have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as unpatentable over Kitamura et al. (JP 11-105071).

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The above feature produces a remarkable effect in that a crossing portion of the element wires of the surface layer with a corrugation top portion of an upper corrugating roll used for manufacture of a single faced corrugated board becomes a point contact. Thereby, the bonding performance of the liner bonded with the corrugated core paper can be enhanced, as described at page 7, lines 14 - 20,

In contrast, Kitamura only discloses that a surface layer is formed such that warp direction of the weave wire is biased by an angle of 45° relative to the winding length direction of the belt, as described in Paragraph [0038].

Thus, Kitamura fails to disclose or suggest the above feature and the unobvious effects thereof.

For the foregoing reasons, the rejection on Kitamura et al. is untenable and should be withdrawn.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

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